



The Pensioner: *Looking Forward*

Welcome to the digital MPERS newsletter! *The Pensioner: Looking Forward* contains news, updates, and important information for active employees of the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and MPERS.

2024 Legislative Update



The 2024 legislative session began on January 3. Currently, no bills have been filed that are specific to MPERS; however, several bills, if passed, could affect pension plans, including MPERS.

For a complete, up-to-date listing of retirement-related legislation, please visit the [Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement](#).



Join Us Virtually in February!

If you are currently eligible to retire or within five years of retirement eligibility, please join us for the first pre-retirement webinars of 2024.

Closed Plan/Year 2000 Plan

February 7, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Webinar topics include, but are not limited to:

- BackDROP payment option
- Plan and payment options offered by MPERS and how they affect your benefit
- When you can make your retirement election
- What you need to consider before selecting a plan and payment option
- Service purchases and transfers and how they may impact your future benefit
- Re-employment information
- Updates on current legislative changes to MPERS benefits

2011 Tier

February 22, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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- When you can make your retirement election
- What you need to consider before selecting a payment option
- Service purchases and transfers and how they may impact your future benefit
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Register here for a webinar listed above

Still Haven't Watched the 2023 State of the System?

That's okay. The holidays are a busy time, we understand. If you would still like to watch it, you can do so on our MPERS Vimeo channel at <https://vimeo.com/mpersonline> or click the video below.



Retirement Deadlines

Intended Date of Retirement	Step 1 <i>Notice of Retirement</i> Due at MPERS	Step 2 <i>Retirement Election Form</i> Due at MPERS
January 1	September 1-November 30	December 31
February 1	October 1-December 31	January 31
March 1	November 1-January 31	February 28
April 1	December 1-February 28	March 31
May 1	January 1-March 31	April 30
June 1	February 1-April 30	May 31
July 1	March 1-May 31	June 30
August 1	April 1-June 30	July 31
September 1	May 1-July 31	August 31
October 1	June 1-August 31	September 30
November 1	July 1-September 30	October 31
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February Events

- 7 - Pre-Retirement webinar for Closed Plan and Year 2000 Plan members, [register here](#)
- 12 - Lincoln's Birthday, office open

- 16 - Board meeting
- 19 - Presidents' Day, office closed
- 22 - Pre-Retirement webinar for 2011 Tier members, [register here](#)
- 28 - Deadline to submit step 1 -*Notice of Retirement* for April 1 retirement



We value your feedback!

What would you like to see in ***The Pensioner: Looking Forward?***

Send comments and suggestions to Julie.West@mpers.org.